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SUBJECT: BOURASSA ALMOST ANNOUNCES ELECTION

BOURASSA ADMITTED PUBLICLY YESTERDAY THAT HE IS CONSIDERING CALLING AN ELECTION THIS FALL AND WILL ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION "WITHIN A FEW DAYS". FIRST ON MONTREAL ANGLOPHONE RADIO AND LATER ON FRANCOPHONE TV, PREMIER DEFENDED HIS GOVERNMENTS PERFORMANCE AND RIDICULED OPPOSITION PARTIES. UNION NATIONALE, HE ASSERTED, IS NOT SERIOUS THREAT TO LIBERALS AND HE CHARACTERIZED P.Q. S LANGUAGE POLICY AS "STUPID".

2. IN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE ELECTION, BOURASSA SAID HE MIGHT CALL ELECTION ON BASIS HIS SEEKING "MANDATE" FOR UPCOMING FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON PATRIATION OF CANADIAN CONSTITUTION. BOURASSA DESCRIBED CONFERENCE AS CRUCIAL TO FUTURE OF COUNTRY AS IT WILL DETERMINE "THE PLACE OF QUEBEC IN CANADA."

3. COMMENT: WOULD APPEAR THIS IS FINAL WATER TESTING BY CAUTIOUS BOURASSA BEFORE HE MAKES HIS DECISION FINAL TO HOLD ELECTION. UNUSUALLY WELL INFORMED SOURCE TOLD US THAT ELECTION WILL DEFINITELY BE CALLED WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS FOR NOVEMBER 17. MCNAMARA

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